

## CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2, 17-23, 25-29, 45-50 and 52 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An in-vehicle wireless communication system handset controller comprising:

a central processing unit;

an interface to a location information processing unit that connects to which ~~allows~~ a wireless communication system handset, wherein the wireless communication system handset accesses a wide area computer network and wherein the location information processing unit allows the wireless communication handset to be controlled by the central processing unit;

an input unit comprising data input keys larger than keys on a keypad of the handset; and

an output unit comprising a display larger than a display of the handset, wherein displayed message text characters on the output unit display are larger than displayed message text characters on the handset display, and wherein, while the handset is operationally coupled to the handset controller, the central processing unit executes instructions which allow the keys of the input unit to be used to provide input data to the handset, and which output ~~on the display of the output unit data for to be displayed on the handset~~ on the output unit display.

2. (Currently amended) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the location information processing unit comprises ~~further comprising~~ a global positioning system chipset ~~coupled to the central processing unit~~.

3. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein short message service messages are input via the input unit and output through the output unit.
4. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein an audible warning is issued when the handset is not operationally coupled to the handset controller.
5. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein a warning is output if the handset is not operationally coupled to the handset controller and an engine of the vehicle is started.
6. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein a warning is output if the handset is not operationally coupled to the handset controller and the vehicle begins to move.
7. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the data input keys are backlighted.
8. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the number of data input keys is larger than the number of keys on the handset keypad.
9. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the display is backlighted.
10. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the display comprises a heads-up display positioned such that a driver of the vehicle sees a displayed image while looking through a windshield of the vehicle.
11. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the controller is rigidly positioned in the interior of a motor vehicle to allow a driver of the vehicle, while seated in a

driver's seat, to view messages on the display and to operate the data input keys.

12. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 1 further comprising a voice command input unit coupled to allow the user to cause the handset to dial a telephone number and to manage messages received by the handset.

13. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1 further comprising a voice synthesizer unit coupled to audibly output a message received by the handset.

14. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the controller is coupled to the handset via a wireless communication link.

15. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1, wherein the handset is a cellular telephone handset.

16. (Original) The handset controller of claim 1 further comprising a power supply coupled to charge a battery in the handset.

17. (Currently amended) A method for controlling a wireless communication system handset, comprising the acts of:

providing a location processing unit that couples to a wireless communication handset, wherein the wireless communication handset accesses a wide area network;  
and

providing, in the location processing unit, an interface through which an in-vehicle controller may operationally couple to the wireless communication handset;  
wherein, while the handset is operationally coupled to an the in-vehicle controller, the in-vehicle controller carries out a a method comprising:

(a) enabling keys on an input unit of ~~an~~ the in-vehicle controller to receive input data for the handset, the keys on the controller being larger than keys on the handset; and

(b) displaying messages received by the handset on a display in an output unit of the handset controller, such that displayed message text characters are larger than message text characters displayed by the handset; and

(c) outputting a warning if the handset is not operationally coupled to the controller.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising outputting the warning if an engine of the vehicle is started.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising outputting the warning if the vehicle begins to move.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising backlighting keys on the controller.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising backlighting a display outputting the larger message text characters.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising using a heads-up display to display the received

messages.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising the acts of

~~while the handset is operationally coupled to the handset controller~~, enabling a voice interface on the handset in-vehicle controller to control the operations of the handset.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising using a power supply in the controller to charge a battery in the handset.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising the acts of:

using the ~~handset controller~~ location processing unit to determine a geographic position of the vehicle; and sending the determined position over the wire area network to a computer.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising the acts of:

receiving a plurality of messages through the handset, wherein each unique received message is formatted by a corresponding unique sender in one of a plurality of communication protocols;

identifying the communication protocol and format of each received message; and outputting each unique received message as formatted by each corresponding unique sender.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 26, wherein one of the

received messages is a cargo pickup or delivery instruction to a driver of the vehicle.

28. (Currently amended) An in-vehicle wireless communication system handset controller comprising:

a central processing unit;

an interface to a location information processing unit that connects to which  
allows a wireless communication system handset, wherein the wireless  
communication system handset accesses a wide area computer network and wherein  
the location information processing unit allows the wireless communication handset  
to be controlled by the central processing unit;

a memory comprising instructions executable by the central accessing unit for  
interacting with the location information processing unit to operationally couple and to  
gain control of the wireless communication handset;

an input unit comprising data input keys larger than keys on a keypad of the handset; and

an output unit comprising a display larger than a display of the handset,  
wherein the display is configured to output a number of displayed message text  
characters larger than a number of displayed message text characters output on the  
handset display, and wherein, while the handset is operationally coupled to the handset  
controller, the central processing unit executes instructions which allow the keys of the  
input unit to be used to provide input data to the handset, and which output ~~on the~~  
display the messages for to be displayed on the display of the handset on the output  
unit display.

29. (Currently amended) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the location information processing unit comprises ~~further comprising~~ a global positioning system chipset coupled to the central processing unit.

30. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the messages are short message service messages.

31. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein an audible warning is issued if the handset is not operationally coupled to the handset controller.

32. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein a warning is output if the handset is not operationally coupled to the handset controller and an engine of the vehicle is started.

33. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein a warning is output if the handset is not operationally coupled to the handset controller and the vehicle begins to move.

34. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the data input keys are backlighted.

35. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the number of data input keys is larger than the number of keys on the handset keypad.

36. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the display is backlighted.

37. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the display comprises a heads-up display positioned such that a driver of the vehicle sees a displayed image while

looking through a windshield of the vehicle.

38. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the controller is rigidly positioned in the interior of a motor vehicle to allow a driver of the vehicle, while seated in a driver's seat, to view messages on the display and to operate the data input keys.

39. (Previously presented) The handset controller of claim 28 further comprising a voice command input unit coupled to allow the user to cause the handset to dial a telephone number and to manage messages received by the handset.

40. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28 further comprising a voice synthesizer unit coupled to audibly output a message received by the handset.

41. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the controller is coupled to the handset via a wireless communication link.

42. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28, wherein the handset is a cellular telephone handset.

43. (Original) The handset controller of claim 28 further comprising a power supply coupled to charge a battery in the handset.

44. (Currently amended) A method for controlling a wireless communication system handset, comprising the acts of:

providing a location processing unit that couples to a wireless communication handset, wherein the handset accesses a wide area network;

providing, in the location processing unit, an interface through which an in-vehicle controller may operationally couple to the handset; and



executing computer instructions stored in a memory device of the in-vehicle controller to operationally couple the in-vehicle controller to the handset and to gain control of the handset; wherein, while the handset is operationally coupled to an in-vehicle controller, the in-vehicle controller carries out a method comprising:

(a) enabling keys on an input unit of an in-vehicle controller to receive input data for the handset, the keys on the controller being larger than keys on the handset; and

(b) displaying messages received by the handset on a display in an output unit of the handset controller, such that a number of displayed message text characters is larger than a number of displayed message text characters output on the handset display; and

(c) outputting a warning if the handset is not operationally coupled to the controller.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising outputting the warning if an engine of the vehicle is started.

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising outputting the warning if the vehicle begins to move.

47. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising backlighting keys on the controller.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the

in-vehicle controller further comprising backlighting a display outputting the larger message text characters.

49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising using a heads-up display to display the received messages.

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising the acts of:

~~while the handset is operationally coupled to the handset controller,~~ enabling a voice interface on the handset controller to control the operations of the handset.

51. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising using a power supply in the controller to charge a battery in the handset.

52. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44 further comprising the acts of:

using the ~~handset controller~~ location information processing unit to determine a geographic position of the vehicle; and sending the determined position over the wide area network to a computer.

53. (Original) The method of claim 44, the method carried out by the in-vehicle controller further comprising the acts of:

receiving a plurality of messages through the handset, wherein each unique received message is formatted by a corresponding unique sender in one of a plurality of communication protocols;

identifying the communication protocol and format of each received message;

and outputting each unique received message as formatted by each corresponding unique sender.

54. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein one of the received messages is a cargo pickup or delivery instruction to a driver of the vehicle.